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Dear Professor Brink:

There has been an opportunity for preliminary consideration by the officers of the Division of your letter to Mr. Weaver, dated December 4, asking for support of the research program of Dr. Joshua Lederberg on genetics of micro-organisms.

We feel that we are not in a position to recommend support in the amount of \$10,000, but wonder if assistance to the program of grant-in-aid size would be helpful. You will remember that in this category we take care of commitments not exceeding \$7,500 and for periods up to three years. If such a support would be useful, we suggest that a revised budget be submitted together with effective dates. I feel that a request of this nature would receive sympathetic consideration.

It would also be in order for you to have the appropriate administrative officer of the University write me a letter saying that such a grant would be consistent with the University's policy and that the University would be willing to administer it.

I have one detailed question to ask about the Lederberg budget. In Item 4 defining the proposed expenditure of funds which are hoped for from the Foundation, there occurs the item of \$1,300 per year for the purchase of ordinary equipment. Does this refer to the equipment which one would normally assume would be made available by the University to one of its professors: test tubes, beakers, etc.?

I know that Mr. Weaver enjoyed having the opportunity of talking with you and Professor Lederberg in January.

Sincerely yours,



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